

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**St. Stephen Parish**  
**September 25-26, 2021**



**Prelude: If God Is For Us (Grayson Warren Brown)**

**Entrance: Glory and Praise to Our God (Dan Schutte)**

*Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.*

*We, the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done  
in ev'ry heart that sings.*

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## **Glory To God: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)**

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,*

*We give you thanks for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,*

*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;*

*You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,*

*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,*

*With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

## **First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, "Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19 (Luke Mayernik)

*"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."*

## Second Reading: James 5:1-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Presentation of the Gifts

### Eye Has Not Seen

#### Refrain



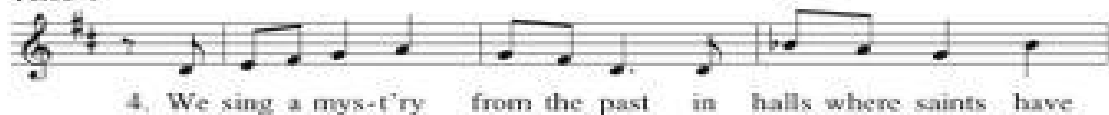
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for  
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of  
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

#### Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, he near to us, O  
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we  
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er  
Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and  
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so  
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of  
bear us up with - in your peace-ful word,  
we re - turn in love what love has made.  
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

#### Verse 4



4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have

## Holy: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

## Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

## Amen: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

## Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, grant us peace.*

## Communion Antiphon

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION ANTIPHON [1]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Re - mem - ber your word to your ser - vant, O Lord,  
by which you have giv - en me hope. This is my  
com - fort when I am brought low.

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## Communion Song

### AS CHRIST IS FOR US

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker



1. In the bread we share with the hun-gry, in the help we  
2. May the bread we share give us cour-age to re-store the  
3. May the bread we share keep us mind-ful and the fruit of the



1. give to the poor, in the kind-ness we show to the  
2. earth in this time. For the sake of our chil-dren's de -  
3. vine make us one. Let the whole hu-man fam - 'ly to -



1. strang - er we find Christ the o - pen door.  
2. scen-dants let us hon - or God's an - cient de - sign.  
3. geth - er heed the cry of our is - land home.



So we rise with him each morn-ing, and we work, as work we must,



to be Christ for oth-ers as Christ is for us,



to be Christ for oth-ers as Christ is for us.

1: to Verse 2

2: to Bridge

#### Bridge

And as we care for each other  
so must we care for our home:

air that we breathe, waters that run,  
flowing with life for the good of all. (to Verse 3)

**Closing: Blest Be The Lord (Dan Schutte)**

*Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
the God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.*

*He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.*

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